GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Minority Universities
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to establish minority universities across the country where the minority population is more;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a committee has been formed to examine the possibilities to establish such universities in different areas; and

(d) if so, whether the committee has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the recommendations made by the committee in this regard and the action taken by the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, the General Body of Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), in its 52nd General Body meeting held on 29.12.2016, has decided to establish five institutes to provide better modern and traditional education to students belonging to minority communities namely Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains in different parts of the country. These institutes would serve as Centres of Excellence covering not only various modern streams like Engineering, Medical, Management, Finance but also traditional subjects like Ayurveda, Unani, etc. It will aim to promote employment oriented education among the socially backward minorities

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. A High Level Committee, comprising of eleven members, has been constituted by the General Body of MAEF. The Committee has not yet submitted its report.